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Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 9:04 AM
To: Mary Lou Terrien
Subject: Regarding HCR 28

Dear Ms. Terrien:

I am an immigration attorney in private practice in Ann Arbor, Michigan. I am writing to express my concerns regarding House Concurrent Resolution No. 28.

For the past 8 years, I have been working daily with persons, including refugees, around the world to provide them with legal services for their immigration matters. And, as a board member at Freedom House Detroit, a nonprofit organization that provides legal services, shelter, and a full complement of services to those seeking asylum in the United States, I have been fortunate to meet and to work with many who are fleeing horrible persecution in their home countries. These persons offer invaluable contributions - economic, social, and cultural - to American society.

As you are aware, the federal government already has in place a robust security screening process for all refugees. In fact, the federal screening process for refugees is more stringent than the screening processes for any other persons wishing to enter the United States. I have first-hand experience with the long, multi-step vetting that refugees encounter.

HCR 28 appears to be an attempt to instill fear and xenophobia among our citizens towards refugees. It is unfortunate that we find ourselves, as a nation and as a state, in a climate of xenophobia. It appears to me that HCR 28 is an attempt to add fuel to that fire.

I hope that state and local officials choose to support refugee resettlement.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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